THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (f) The Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune, is an Institution set up by the Ministry of Defence for producing medical graduates for enrolment into the Medical Corps of the Indian Armed Forces. The AFMC is affiliated to the Pune University. It has presently a total strength of 553 Medical Cadets of which 489 are boys and 64 girls. 7 boys and 2 girls are from friendly foreign countries.

In March, 1992, 15 Cadets of the AFMC final year were held back (detained) from appearing in the University examination on account of their not fulfilling the minimum attendance in classes prescribed by the Pune University.

On 4-6-1992, Shri Hitesh Ranjan, who was one of the detained final year Cadets, was admitted in the Command Hospital Pune for Acute Alcoholic Intoxication. He absconded from the hospital on 8-6-1992 and was found dead by the local Police near Lonawala on 9-6-1992. According to the Police report, Shri Ranjan had committed suicide, probably by consuming a pesticide. According to the post-mortem report, the probable cause of death of this Cadet was shock resulting from poisoning.

The Cadets made an issue of the suicide of Shri Ranjan, claiming that this was as a result of his detention. The official condolence meeting held by the College authorities on 11-6-1992 was boycotted by them. The hostel premises were also found plastered with provocative and derogatory posters. The Cadets did not take their meals in the mess from 12th June, 1992, in spite of the Faculty Members and the Dean requesting them to do so. The Cadets also absented themselves from classes on 13-6-1992, in spite of repeated pursuation by the College authorities that the Cadets discuss their grievances to arrive at an amicable settlement. The Cadets avoided any formal contact with the College authorities and took out a procession on the main streets of Pune carrying placards.

In view of the collective indiscipline, the College authorities decided, on 14-6-92, to close the Institution indefinitely and have the hostels evacuated.

An investigation has been ordered to determine the circumstances that led to the indefinite closure of the college, with effect from 15-6-92. Personal letters have been issued by the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services to the parents/guardians of the Cadets explaining the seriousness of the matter and requesting their cooperation in ensuring discipline and orderliness among the cadets. Appropriate corrective measures will be enforced by the concerned authorities, on receipt of the investigation report.

Clearance given to Deep Sea Fishing Projects

*68. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared many major projects to deep sea fishing potential in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the approximate amount of investment involved in those projects ;

(d) whether such projects are also likely to involve any foreign investment ;

(e) if so, to what extent ; and

(f) the places where such projects are likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) The details are given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 8].

Purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer Aircrafts

*69. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have since finalised the multi million dollar deal for the purchase of advanced jet trainer aircrafts for Indian Airforce ; and

(b) if so, what are the short listed contenders and details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The two shortlisted firms are M/s Dassault Aviation of France and British Aerospace of U.K. Proposals received from both firms, are under examination.

उत्तर प्रदेश में लम्बित परियोजनाएं

*70 **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार उत्तर प्रदेश में चल रही ऐसी परियोजनाओं की जाँच करने का विचार रखती है जो अपने निर्धारित समय पर पूरी नहीं हुई हैं ;

(ख) यदि हाँ तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) उक्त परियोजनाओं को शीघ्र पूरा करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री और गैर-पारंपरिक उर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुख राम) : (क) और (ख) कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन विभाग पूरे देश में प्रत्येक 20 करोड़ रुपए तथा उससे अधिक लागत वाली केन्द्रीय परियोजनाओं का प्रबोधन करता है । इस विभाग की प्रबोधन प्रणाली के अनुसार 31 मार्च, 1992 को उत्तर प्रदेश में राज्य से होकर गुजरने वाली अंतर-राज्यीय परियोजनाओं जैसे, विद्युत संचरण लाइन, रेलवे लाइन इत्यादि को छोड़कर, 14 केन्द्रीय परियोजनाएं कार्यान्वयनाधीन थीं जिनकी अनुमानित लागत 4647.30 करोड़ रुपए है । इनमें से 4 परियोजनाएं निर्धारित समय के अनुसार थीं, 9 परियोजनाएं स्वीकृत समय सीमा से पीछे थीं तथा शेष एक परियोजना के विषय में पूरे होने की तारीख की पुष्टि नहीं हुई थी ।

(ग) परियोजनाओं का विभिन्न स्तरों पर प्रबोधन किया जा रहा है । कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन विभाग द्वारा जारी की जाने वाली मासिक/तिमाही रिपोर्टों में संबंधित अभिकरणों द्वारा समस्या क्षेत्रों की आवश्यक सही कार्रवाई हेतु नियमित रूप से उजागर किया जाता है ।

Successful Test Firing of Agni Missile

*71. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's second intermediate range ballastic missile "AGNI" was successfully test fired on May 29, 1992 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of success achieved in the matter ; indicating its comparative success in relation to the first Agni test ;

(c) the cost involved therein ; and

(d) what steps are being taken to remove the snags which came in the way in its re-entry stage ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) The mission of second launch of the re-entry technology demonstrator 'AGNI' on 29 May, 1992 was to establish a highly manoeuverable trajectory, quite different from the first launch. Whereas the first launch was completely successful, the second launch was not completely successful due to control structural interaction